

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (Original) An assembly supportive device which guides a distal end of a spring support rod onto a support rod receiving block provided on a lower half of a cartridge case when a slide door for opening/closing an opening through which a magnetic tape of a magnetic tape cartridge is drawn out is fitted in the lower half of the cartridge case, a proximal end of the spring support rod being projected from the slide door, around which spring support rod a compression coil spring is wound, the assembly supportive device comprising:

a guide member having a V-shaped groove that receives the distal end of the spring support rod; and

a positioning device capable of moving the guide member from a retraction position outside the lower half to a use position over the support rod receiving block on the lower half,

wherein the guide member is formed with a slit so provided as to cut through a bottom of the V-shaped groove partway from one end.